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In re Application of:)
SHOICHI YAMAZAKI, ET AL.) Examiner: R. Mack
Appln. No.: 09/511,243) Group Art Unit: 2873
Filed: February 23, 2000)
For: HEAD-UP DISPLAY DEVICE) March 10, 2000
WITH CURVED OPTICAL)
SURFACE HAVING TOTAL)
REFLECTION (AS AMENDED))

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. These documents were cited in Application No. 08/959,285 (the "'285 Application"), the parent of the above-referenced divisional application. Copies of the documents should be available in the '285 Application under 37 CFR 1.98(d).

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Applications:

<u>APPLN. NO.</u>	<u>FILING DATE</u>	<u>GROUP ART UNIT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
08/879,966	June 20, 1997	2873	Pending
09/333,998	June 16, 1999	2873	Pending

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2)(iii), no copy of any cited U.S. Application is enclosed.

REMARKS

As discussed in the accompanying Preliminary Amendment, Applicants respectfully note that Claims 11 through 36 of the subject application were copied exactly or in modified form from Claims 1, 3 through 6, 8 through 10, 12, 14, 15, and 17 through 21 of U.S. Patent No. 5,875,056 (Takahashi '056), which is a continuation of U.S. Patent No. 5,701,202 (Takahashi '202).

Applicants respectfully note that U.S. Patent No. 5,701,202 (Takahashi '202) discloses and claims, inter alia, an ocular optical system having a first refracting/internally reflecting surface, a second reflecting surface, and a third refracting surface.

Applicants also respectfully note that U.S. Patent No. 5,768,024 (Takahashi '024) discloses and claims, inter alia, an ocular optical system having first, second, and third surfaces, wherein the second surface is a reflecting surface that reflects light rays in the ocular optical system, the second surface having such a surface configuration that a surface configuration in a plane (YZ-plane) containing light rays turned back by the reflecting surface is different from a surface configuration in a XZ-plane perpendicular to the YZ plane.

Applicants respectfully submit, however, that none of Takahashi '056, '202, and '024 qualifies as prior art under the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103.

It will be appreciated that the above-listed Application No. 09/333,998 is, like the subject application, a divisional of the parent of the subject application; accordingly, the Examiner's attention is respectfully directed to the claims thereof.

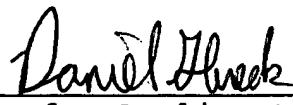
Lastly, Applicants respectfully submit that Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 4-242630 corresponds to Japanese Patent Application No. 3-11492, which is referenced at page 27, lines 12 and 13 of the specification. It will be appreciated that the Preliminary Amendment filed February 23, 2000, corrected the citation thereof. Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent No. 5,598,248 is a U.S. counterpart of the Japanese application. With respect to Japanese Laid-Open Patent Application No. 4-343313, Applicants respectfully submit that U.S. Patent No. 5,671,062 is a U.S. counterpart.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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